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SUBJECT: FORTHCOMING MEETING OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE UNDER NEW TREATY

REF: COUGHLIN-STRAUS TELCON

1. REF OUR TELCON, HERE FOLLOWS DEPT APPROACH PLANNING FOR COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS. IF EMBASSY DESIRES, THESE THOUGHTS MIGHT BE PASSED TO APPROPRIATE MFA OFFICIALS.

2. WE HAVE DISCUSSED SOME OF THE EXPERIENCES WHICH RECENT OES/NSF DELEGATION HAD IN ITS DISCUSSIONS WITH SPANISH OPPOSITE NUMBERS IN FIRST INFORMAL MEETING OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND HAVE BEEN TROUBLED BY THE CONCEPT THAT WAS APPARENTLY RAISED BY THE SPANISH SIDE THAT THE FUNDS AVAILABLE UNDER THE TREATY ARE "SPANISH MONEY".

3. TO BE CERTAIN THAT WE HAVE NO MISUNDERSTANDING WITH THE SPANISH SIDE AS WE PREPARE FOR THE FIRST MEETING OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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JOINT COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE WE WOULD LIKE TO

RESTATE OUR VIEW AND LEAVE IT TO YOU WHETHER YOU WILL WISH TO DISCUSS THIS WITH APPROPRIATE PEOPLE IN MFA PRIOR TO MEETING.

4. AS WE SEE IT, THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE U.S. UNDER THE TREATY ARE SPECIFICALLY EARMARKED FOR PURPOSES OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TREATY AND ONLY FOR THOSE PURPOSES. THEIR DISPOSITION IS SUBJECT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ANNUAL PROGRAM BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES ON THE BASIS OF RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS (ARTICLE 6, SUPPLEMENT 4). THE TREATY AND SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT NO. 4 EXIST TO FURTHER EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND SPAIN AND CONTAINS PROVISIONS WHOSE PRIMARY BENEFICIARY IS THE SPANISH EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EFFORT. NATURALLY, OUR THOUGHTS ON THE PROGRAM NOW BEING DEVELOPED, HAVE THEIR MAIN THRUST TO BENEFIT THAT EFFORT AND WE ASSUME THE SPANISH SIDE IS THINKING ALONG THE SAME LINES. AT THE MEETING NOV. 10-11 WE HOPE TO ESTABLISH THE PROGRAM FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 1977-78 (POSSIBLY WITH SOME PROJECTS TO BE EXECUTED DURING THE SUMMER OF 1977) OR TO AT LEAST ACHIEVE AGREEMENT ON SOME PROJECTS AND RESERVE OTHERS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AT A LATER MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE, OR PART THEREOF.

5. WHAT THIS DISCUSSION HOPES TO PRECLUDE IS A "SPANISH SHOPPING LIST" PRESENTED TO THE U.S. MEMBERS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON A "TAKE-IT-OR-LEAVE-IT" BASIS. KISSINGER

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